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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

DAVID DELEAM, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/019,550

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playback of a sound signal in an asynchronous transmission system

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